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SUBJ: ECUADOR, CUBA, AND QUITO MFM

1. DURING CALL ON ECUADORAN AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ COBO THIS MORNING, HE TOLD ME THAT IN AFTERMATH OF QUITO MFM HE WAS UNSURE WHAT POLICY HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HENCE FORTH FOOLOW WITH RESPECT TO CUBA. NOTING THAT GOE HAD IN PAST ADHERED STRONGLY TO LEGALIST POSITION THAT IT WOULD NOT NORMALIZE ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH CUBA SO LONG AS OAS SANCTIONS REMAINED IN FORCE, MARTINEZ COBO SAID THAT HE SENSED A NEW INCLINATION IN QUITO TO IGNORE SANCTIONS AND RESTORE TIES WITH HAVANA. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NO CLEAR OFFICIAL LINE ON THIS AS YET FROM QUITO.

2. AS TO THE "FAILURE" OF THE QUITO MFM, MARTINEZ COBO ATTRIBUTED THIS MAINLY TO GONZALO FACIO'S INABILITY TO COUNT. SUCH MEETINGS AS THIS ONE, HE SAID, SIMPLY WERE NOT LAID ON UNTIL ONE WAS REASONABLY SURE OF THE OUTCOME. IN THIS CASE, FACIO HAD TRAVELED AROUND THE HEMISPHERE, OSTENSIBLY GETTING HIS DUCKS IN LINE, BUT CLEARLY HIS VOTE COUNT WAS ERRONEOUS. MARTINEZ COBO SAID THAT FONSEC RABASA HAD TOLD HIM PRIVATELY, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR QUITO, THAT HE WAS IN FACT DUBIOUS OF FACIO'S CLAIM OF
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